



WORLD'S LARGEST UNCUT DIAMOND AT BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR:

The largest uncut diamond in the world, found in the gravels of the Woyie River, Sierra Leone, in January 1945, will be shown in the Jewellery Section of the British Industries Fair which takes place simultaneously in London and Birmingham from May 3rd, to 14th.

The Woyie River diamond weighs 770 carats, (approximately 5 1/2 ounces).

It is the third largest ever found and is the largest alluvial diamond ever found. The stone is insured for 100,000 pounds and is exceeded in size only by the 'Cullinan' (3,106 carats) and the 'Excelsior' (995 carats).

It was found by the Sierra Leone Selection Trust Ltd.

This picture shows: The Woyie River Diamond photographed with a British Half Crown coin (1 1/4 inches diameter) for comparison.



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will have to pay the \$4,000. This was done and explains the \$1. item hidden among the many millions.

SAID IN THE CAPITAL

"While we are doing our utmost to work with other nations to build the foundations of peace, we are going to see to it that our forces are kept far above the level of the period between wars," said Defence Minister Claxton here.

"Whatever has been granted the railways in the way of giving them more revenue will probably make the road easier for the employees in getting their demands," stated A.R. Mosher, president, Canadian Congress of Labor, commenting on the new rates allowed Canadian Railways for carrying freight.

The Canadian Red Cross had not sent any food to China for the past two years declared Dr. F. W. Routley, National Commissioner of Canadian Red Cross, emphasizing the food referred to in a story about food supplies sent to China going to the "black market" there being undoubtedly not Canadian supplies.

"A third world war would not solve any problems," alleged here Rev. Thurston Davis, S.J., of Fordham University N.Y., asserting defeat of Russia may not necessarily defeat communism but instead Communist ideals could be overcome by bringing social justice into all aspects of everyday life.

"Bureaucrats are men appointed to run businesses they know nothing about," said G. Russell Boucher, M.P., during an address here, remarking the government could assist a bus-

iness but couldn't run one.

"Greece again finds herself, as she has always found herself a bulwark against anti-democratic forces," stressed Dr. Max MacOdum, head of Carleton College at a demonstration of the 127th anniversary of Greek freedom held in this capital.

WEEKLY WIND-UP

Officials here seem to be under the impression that the new freight rates will inevitably lead to increases in prices all along the line in many directions, though they are still studying the likely effects on the nation's price structure.

Col. H. M. Bankhead, Commercial Attache at the U.S. Embassy here since 1932, is about to retire at the end of June with this official being one of the most popular figures along Parliament Hill and widely known for his friendship to Canada.

Plans for further expansion of the National Research Council laboratories in this capital is seen in the expropriation of 200 acres of farm land near the present buildings and headquarters of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics here.

It is forecast in unofficial circles on the Hill that the present butter shortage will continue until the end of April—at least.

The soft coal strike in the U. S. has interfered with train travel between this country and the U. S. since normal schedules became abnormal.

Newly-announced revisions of salaries for scientific, professional and technical civil servants are expected to lead in attracting large number of graduates from Canadian universities to the Government services, perhaps stopping the mad rush to other countries on the part of such young graduates.

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**Cereal Varieties in
Western Canada**

For several years Line Elevator country grain buyers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have estimated the percentage of the total acreage, in their own districts, occupied by different varieties of wheat, oats and barley. On the basis of these estimates it is possible to present a fairly accurate picture of the cereal variety situation in Western Canada.

Manitoba. The farmers of Manitoba are seeding over 98% of their wheat acreage to the recommended varieties Regent, Thatcher, Redman, Renown, Carleton and Stewart. As far as the oat crop is concerned, about 82% of the total acreage is sown to the recommended varieties Ajax, Exeter and Vanguard. More than 90% of the Manitoba barley acreage is sown to the following recommended varieties: O.A.C. 21, Mercury, Plush, Samalta and Carleton.

Saskatchewan. About 89% of the Saskatchewan wheat acreage is sown to the varieties Thatcher, Apex, Rescue, Regent and Redman. Non-recommended varieties such as Marquis, Renown and Garnet account for most of the balance. In the case of oats, the recommended varieties Ajax, Exeter and Victory, occupy about 64% of the total acreage Saskatchewan farmers are not following the official barley recommendations very closely. In 1947, for instance, only 41% of the acreage was devoted to the officially recommended varieties: Plush, Titan, Hannechen, Regal and Montcalm.

Alberta. The recommended varieties Red Bobs, Thatcher, Marquis, and Rescue occupy about 90% of the Alberta wheat acreage. Garnet wheat which is not recommended accounts for most of the balance. Alberta farmers are following the official oat and barley recommendations almost exclusively. In 1947, for instance, non-recommended varieties occupied less than 5% of the acreage in each case.

The results of variety surveys show that prairie farmers are highly "variety conscious" and readily accept cereal varieties that promise higher yields and better quality.

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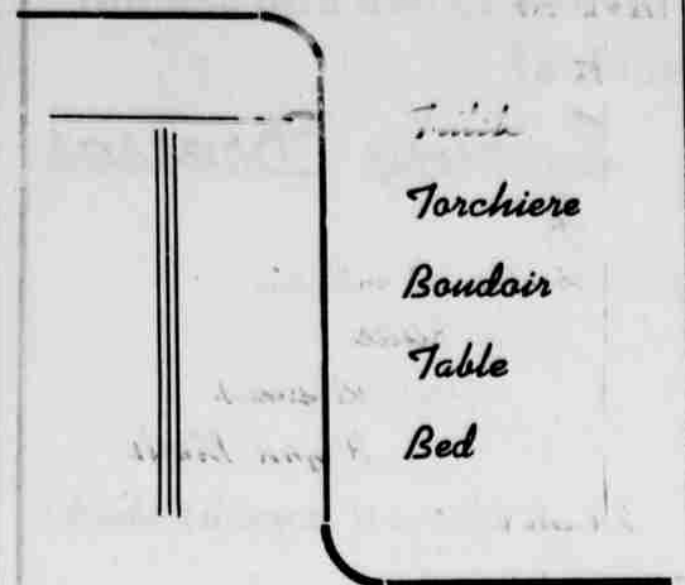


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